

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 1, paragraph [0002]:

Q1 The expression "at least partially implantable hearing ~~system~~" system" is defined here as a system in which a sound signal is picked up by at least one sensor which transduces a sound signal into an electrical signal (microphone function), in which this electrical signal is electronically further processed and amplified, and in which an output signal of the system causes an electromechanical stimulation of the damaged hearing, wherein at least one component of the system, particularly the electromechanical output transducer, is designed for being implanted.

Page 1, paragraph [0003]:

Q2 The expression "hearing ~~disorder~~" disorder" is defined here as including any type of inner ear and middle ear damage, any combined inner ear and middle ear damage, and a temporary or permanent noise impression (tinnitus).

Pages 1-2, paragraph [0004]:

Q3 Hearing systems of the presently considered type usually comprise at least one acoustic sensor (microphone) for picking up acoustic signals and converting them into electrical audio sensor signals, an electronic signal processing unit for audio signal processing and amplification, an electrical power supply unit which supplies individual components of the system with energy, and an electromechanically actuatoric output arrangement including at least one electromechanical transducer for stimulation of the middle and/or inner ear. This transducer is connected to a mechanical positioning and fixing system which here is termed "~~micromanipulator~~" "micromanipulator" and which is fixedly and permanently attached to the cranial vault. In the case of a fully implantable hearing system in which the implant is provided with a secondary storage element for electrical energy, the system further comprises a wireless transcutaneous charging device.

Page 11, paragraph [00033]:

Q4 ~~Figure 4 shows~~ Figures 4a and 4b show an embodiment of a releasable snap-in coupling between micromanipulator and transducer.

Page 11, paragraph [00034]:

a5 ~~Figure 5 shows~~ Figures 5a and 5b show a further embodiment of a releasable snap-in coupling between micromanipulator and transducer.

Page 11, paragraph [00035]:

a6 ~~Figure 6 shows~~ Figures 6a and 6b show an embodiment of a releasable plug-type coupling between micromanipulator and transducer.

Page 11, paragraph [00036]:

a7 ~~Figure 7 shows~~ Figures 7a and 7b show a further embodiment of a releasable plug-type coupling between micromanipulator and transducer.

Page 11, paragraph [00037]:

a8 ~~Figure 8 shows~~ Figures 8a and 8b show an embodiment of a releasable coupling between micromanipulator and transducer comprising a micromanipulator-side coupling element which defines an expandable receiver member.

Page 11, paragraph [00038]:

a9 ~~Figure 9 shows~~ Figures 9a and 9b show an embodiment of a releasable coupling between micromanipulator and transducer comprising a micromanipulator-side coupling element in form of expandable tongs which are adapted for being locked in a closed ~~position~~ position.